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In re Application of:

Victor Lyamichev et al.

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This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 1, 2003. This communication is being submitted within two months of the date of mailing of the Final Office Action in order to provoke an Advisory Action from the Examiner. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.